

**CALFED OPERATIONS MEETING NOTES**  
**Wednesday, February 27, 2013**  
**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

**SWRCB Update (R. Satkowski)**

1) Phase 1: San Joaquin River Flow and South Delta Water Quality Objectives

The State Water Board will hold a public hearing on the adequacy of the draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED), and continuing on March 21-22, 2013, if necessary. (The State Water Board released a draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) on December 31, 2012.)

Written comments are due by March 29, 2013 at noon. A Final SED is anticipated by Spring, 2013).

2) Phase 2: Comprehensive Review

On January 17, 2013, Brock Bernstein, the facilitator of the Phase 2 public workshops and a sub-contractor of ICF International, released a draft report summarizing the three workshops:

- Ecosystem Changes and the Low Salinity Zone (Sep 5-6, 2012),
- Bay-Delta Fishery Resources (Oct 1-2, 2012), and
- Analytical Tools for Evaluating Water Supply Hydrodynamic and Hydropower Effects (Nov 13-14, 2012).

The report includes key points of agreement and disagreement, uncertainties and questions.

On April 9, 2013, Dr. Bernstein will present to the State Water Board an informational item on the next steps for the draft summary report.

Additional information on 1 and 2 above is available at the Division of Water Rights' website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/bay\\_delta/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/bay_delta/).

3) Bay-Delta Compliance

On February 26, 2013, the Delta Watermaster, Craig Wilson, met with the Dept. of Water Resources' South Delta temporary barrier staff to review DWR's 2013 Construction and Operations Plan.

Staff from the Delta Watermaster's office will be meeting with the USBR in early March 2013 to discuss Vernalis pulse flow requirements.

#### 4) Water Transfers

No new information.

For further information on water transfers, contact Katherine Mrowka at 916-341-5363 or [kmrowka@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:kmrowka@waterboards.ca.gov).

#### **Fisheries Update**

##### **Chinook Salmon, Steelhead and Green Sturgeon (B. Oppenheim) –**

*Winter-run* – Take at pumps so far this year is 312, ITL is 10,656 total. Most typically seen in March. Final JPE calculation for 2013 is finished. There was a slight adjustment to the previous density triggers used for export reduction due to the JPE.

*Spring-Run* – Three group of juvenile surrogates released from Coleman Hatchery so far. Take of all group is less than ½%

*Fall-Run* – Starting to show up on Sacramento River and Mossdale, population estimates good so far. Record numbers observed in RBDD screw-traps.

*Steelhead* – Only 88 wild steelhead taken at pumps so far this year, nowhere near what was taken last year. Most show up in February.

*Green sturgeon* –None taken at pumps this year.

***Delta smelt*** (E. Gleason) – Protective OMR currently set at no more negative than -3500 cfs. If no salvage thru 2/28, OMR can be relaxed to no more negative than -4000 cfs on 3/1.

DOSS – NTR

SOG – NTR

#### **Water Project Operations**

CVP – Keswick @ 3800 cfs; Nimbus @ 2250 cfs; Goodwin @ From 1500 cfs to 1000 cfs , Jones PP @ 3500 cfs today and 2700 cfs tomorrow and Fed share San Luis @ 761 TAF

SWP – Oroville @1750 cfs, Clifton Court @ 2500 cfs, and State share San Luis approx. @ 450 TAF